



To: Representative Giuliano,

Last week I called your office concerning a dental assisting bill open for Testimony SB 993, tomorrow another dental bill is open for testimony HB 6589,

My Name is Laurel Risom and I live in Old Lyme CT. I currently practice as a dental hygienist and teach dental hygiene . I am the Immediate Past President of the Connecticut Dental Hygienist's Association.

Subject: **HB 6589** Testimony

I am opposed to **HB No. 6589** "The Establishment of a Task Force to Study the Scope of Practice of a Dental Hygienist"

Just this past year in 2012, HB 5541 and in prior years; the midlevel dental hygiene provider model (ADHP) has already been investigated, studied, explored, discussed at public hearings and was documented with testimony, in CT numerous times. A new study in 2013 is not required to show what we have already researched, presented and testified on, explaining the midlevel provider model proposed for CT. The CT Dental Hygienists' Association has annually provided this information to the public health committee and public hearings in each prior year when the midlevel dental hygiene provider model (ADHP) bills were raised and discussed. It is redundant and a waist of precious manpower hours to do it again this year.

Furthermore, the 2013 **SB No 993 can be amended to** include the **Advanced Dental Hygiene provider (ADHP)**, the dental hygiene mid-level provider model proposed in CT, like last year's bill (2012) HB 5541, both ADHP and EFDA can be considered in an amended SB993. Last year both EFDA and ADHP were proposed and included in HB 5541, but ADHP has been excluded in this years' SB 993? Why has the ADHP been excluded?

As you remember in 2012 HB 5541 "An Act Concerning Services Provided By Dental Professionals And Certification For Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioners", went to a 14 to 14 tie, so many professionals and citizens do support the midlevel dental hygiene provider model as a way to increase access to care to those who need our services most in Connecticut, the dentally underserved and underinsured.

Please consider amending **SB993** and add back **the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP)**, so we can begin to address the dental needs of our Connecticut underserved and underinsured.

Please speak against HB No. 6589 and amend SB No. 993 on my behalf.

Thank you for your help and support.

Respectfully,

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